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TO AMEMBASSY DAKAR IMMEDIATE

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SUBJ: REFUSAL OF SENEGALESE VISA TO OFFICIAL TRAVEL

REF: (A) BAMA KO 3501, (B) DAKAR 5938

1. OFFICIAL PASSPORT OF DAVID DUPRAS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PEACE CORPS/MALI, WAS SENT TO SENEGALESE EMBASSY BAMA KO AUGUST 31 WITH COVERING NOTE REQUESTING A ONE-ENTRY VISA FOR A STAY OF EIGHT DAYS VALID FROM SEPTEMBER 10, 1977. SENEGALESE CONSUL INFORMED CONSULAR OFFICER SEPTEMBER 8 THE VISA HAD BEEN REFUSED UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM DAKAR. CONSULAR OFFICER WAS SHOWN INSTRUCTING CABLE, WHICH WAS SIGNED BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, SENEGALESE SECURITY, HAD COME THROUGH MFA CHANNELS, AND GAVE NO REASON FOR REFUSAL.

2. REF A DESCRIBED TELEGRAPHIC VISA CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED AUGUST 11 BY SENEGALESE EMBASSY BAMA KO. REF B INDICATED THAT NEW PROCEDURES WERE NOT GOS POLICY AND THAT CHIEF OF PROTOCOL WOULD INSTRUCT SENEGALESE EMBASSY BAMA KO TO CEASE THESE UNIQUE PRACTICES IMMEDIATELY.

3. IN LIGHT OF STATEMENTS MADE BY SENEGALESE

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CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND OF INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE, VISA REFUSAL FOR OFFICIAL TRAVELER DUPRAS INCOMPREHENSIBLE. IN CONFLICT ALSO WITH PROTOCOL CHIEF'S STATEMENTS IS FACT THAT ON VISA FOR AMBASSADOR ISSUED SEPTEMBER 8 (TRIP CANCELLED, WILL NOT BE USED), AS WELL AS ON ALL SENEGALESE VISAS ISSUED SINCE NEW REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED, THE NUMBER OF MFA TELEGRAM

AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE IS INDICATED. CONSULAR OFFICER HAS PREVIOUSLY SEEN AN AUTHORIZING TELEGRAM (FOR VISA CASE PARA 1, REF A) WHICH WAS SIGNED BY JEAN COLLIN, MINISTER OF INTERIOR.

4. UNLESS AND UNTIL SITUATION IMPROVES HERE, DAKAR WILL NOT BE SUITABLE AS TRANSIT POINT FOR OFFICIAL TRAVELERS FROM BAMAKO. IN ORDER TO CLARIFY SENEGALESE POLICY, WE REQUEST EMBASSY DAKAR AGAIN APPROACH PROTOCOL TO DETERMINE WHY SENEGALESE EMBASSY BAMAKO PERSISTS IN REQUIRING TELEGRAPHIC CLEARANCE, AS WELL AS TO OBTAIN VISA ISSUANCE FOR DUPRAS.

5. BAMAKO VERY MUCH APPRECIATES CONTINUING ASSISTANCE OF EMBASSY DAKAR IN THIS MATTER.
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